

# Proclamation

*By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick*

**WHEREAS**, the Township of North Brunswick's **Veteran Street Sign Program** allows Township residents who were Wartime Veterans to be recognized by adding their name on a secondary street sign to an existing Municipal Road; and

**WHEREAS**, by adding names of local Wartime Veterans to public street signs, we hope to promote public awareness of these individuals and show our appreciation for their outstanding contributions and service to our country as a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, eligible military candidates for this honor include honorably discharged Veterans having served in Military Departments as defined under Department of Defense which include Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Wartime Veterans are individuals who served in the active military forces, during a period of armed conflict or who received the armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service medals during an emergency condition, including those who died in the line of duty in the active military forces; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ernest Hezekiah Wilson Jr.** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ernest Wilson** was born in Norfolk, Virginia on July 9, 1947, the eldest of six siblings. He comes from a long line of Preachers and Deacons. He moved to Brooklyn, New York, then the Bronx, New York, finally before settling in North Brunswick; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ernest** served in the United States Army from August 1966 to August 1969. Ernest was drafted right after high school. He was deployed to Pleiku, Vietnam from August 1967 to August 1968. At Camp Enari (Dragon Mountain) he was assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, a Field Battalion member of the Artillery Battery Unit. Ernest was Honorably Discharged on August 17, 1972. Ernest went on to serve in the United States Army Reserves for four years at Fort Tilden, New York and was part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery USAR with last Rank as Sergeant. He was Honorably Discharged on March 21, 1980. While serving the United States, Ernest earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ernest** received a FCC 1<sup>st</sup> Class Engineer License in Broadcasting and Radio Telephony, Operations and Communications from Announcers Training Studio/Institute in New York City. He started working in the Data Processing/Telecom /IBM Field. He became a COBOL/ASSEMBLER/IBM /Programmer after attending night classes and then went to work for Manufacturer Hanover Trust Company/Banking before moving on to AT&T/Bell/Phone Companies. After leaving the programming field, he began a career in IT Tech. He worked for companies such as Nationar and Sony Electronics. He also worked for New York State Police as a Communication Specialist. Ernest is currently retired but dedicates his time as a Deacon at the Without Walls Christian Church. He is committed to working for the Church and most importantly for the people; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ernest** is married to Barbara (Slatter) and they have two children; Ernest and Angelique. They also have several grandchildren. Ernest is an active member of the VFW of North Brunswick and still resides in North Brunswick.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **Ernest Hezekiah Wilson Jr.** for his service to our country ensuring freedom for all.

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Mayor

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